

Thousand Islands



The Venice of America.

ZAVIKON ISLAND, THOUSAND ISLANDS, INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE CONNECTING U. S. AND CANADA.



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8 Thousand Islands and the St. Lawrence River.

The St. Lawrence River, at its upper end, broadens out to the proportions of a Lake fifteen miles wide at the west end and about four miles wide at the central part. In this "lake" are the Thousand Islands, christened by the early French, who had ownership before the English, as "Les Mille Isles." The English designated it as "The Lake of a Thousand Islands." It was known to the Indians as "Monatoana" or "Garden of the Great Spirit."

The region was one of the battle grounds of our early wars, particularly the war of 1812 with England. In this war a number of small battles between the contending forces, both on land and water, took place here. At the head of Carleton Island are the ruins of an extensive fort originally erected by the British during the Revolutionary War and named by them "Fort Haldimand."

Although the locality goes by the name "Thousand Islands," it is well known that by actual count there are about seventeen hundred of the islands in years when the water is at minimum height, and many more than one thousand of them even at high water.



BELL TOWER, HEART ISLAND.
ALEXANDRIA BAY.

The international boundary divides them about equally. At some places the dividing water between islands of New York and Canada is so narrow that a pebble can be easily tossed across, and, in one instance, the owner of two islands, one in each country, has erected an ornamental foot-bridge connecting them.

With very few exceptions, the islands are privately owned and many of them are fully developed for residential purposes. Owners have in some instances created comfortable grounds and ornamental vistas from formerly unsightly places. Castles, pavilions and outbuildings of many kinds have been erected, imitating or at least recalling some of the beautiful and interesting places in foreign countries. Artists and architects have aided in the work, and the spirit of rivalry to outdo others has resulted in creating a park of surpassing beauty—a combination of nature and art hardly possible elsewhere.

The beauty of the island scenery, the romantic history of the region, the purity of the air, the restfulness of the surroundings, the attractions for the sportsman, be he an angler for fish, a hunter for game, or a boat racer for excitement or glory, have been the inspiration of historians, tourists, novelists, and poets during the past hundred years, all of whom bear testimony to the virtues of the Lake of a Thousand Islands.

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VIEW FROM GRINDSTONE ISLAND NEAR CLAYTON.



MOONLIGHT ON THE ST. LAWRENCE.



HOPEWELL HALL, THOUSAND ISLANDS.



LOST CHANNEL.

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THE NARROWS AND PALISADES.



THE FARM COTTAGE, THOUSAND ISLAND ESTATE, ALEXANDRIA BAY.



DEVILS OVEN ISLAND, THOUSAND ISLANDS.



CANAL ON THOUSAND ISLAND ESTATE, WELLESLEY ISLAND.



DARK ISLAND.



STAVE ISLAND.



DEVILS OVEN, THOUSAND ISLANDS.



"CASTLE REST" GEORGE M. PULLMAN ESTATE.



THOUSAND ISLAND YACHT CLUB, ALEXANDRIA BAY.



GRENELL ISLAND AND YACHT CLUB.



NEEDLES EYE, THOUSAND ISLANDS, CANADA.



OUT OF SIGHT CHANNEL.



BOLDT CASTLE, HEART ISLAND.



THOUSAND ISLAND HOUSE, ALEXANDRIA BAY.



ROCK ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE.



THE CROSSMON, ALEXANDRIA BAY.



BELLE ISLE, A. R. PEACOCK RESIDENCE.



VIEW FROM BOLDT CASTLE, ALEXANDRIA BAY.



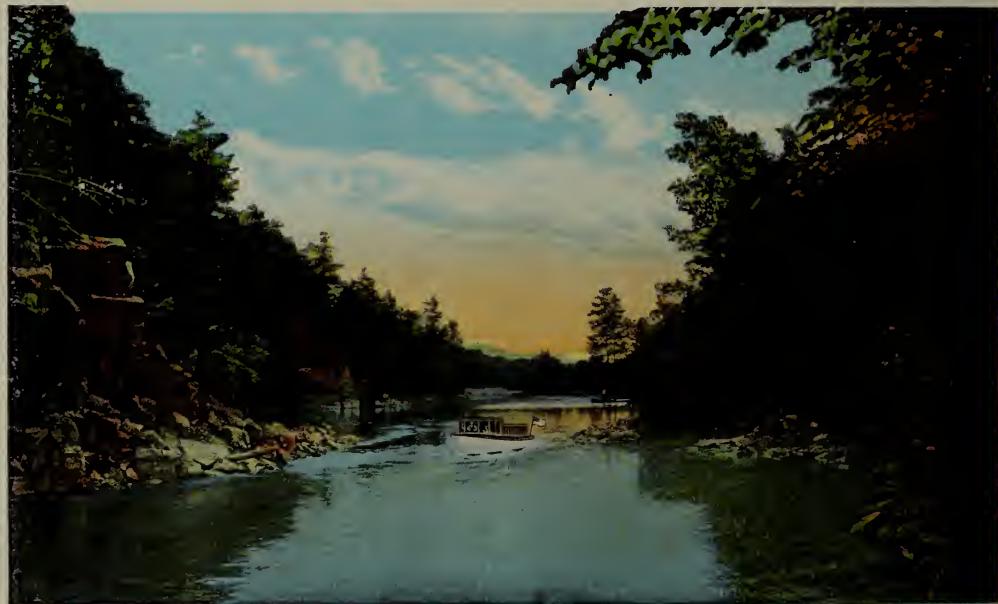
BOLDT CASTLE, HEART ISLAND.



BOLDT CASTLE ON HEART ISLAND, ALEXANDRIA BAY.



WILLOW CHANNEL, WEST MINISTER PARK.



INTERNATIONAL RIFT, DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND CANADA.



ALEXANDRIA BAY AND HEART ISLAND.



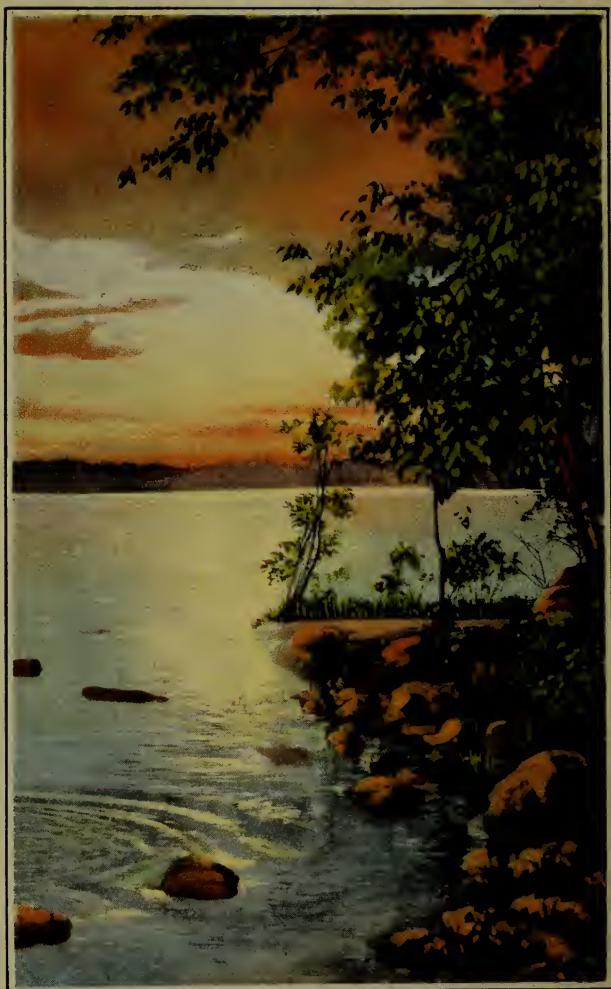
SWISS CHALET.



"LITTLE FRAUD" RESIDENCE OF E. C. HINCK.



CALUMET ISLAND NEAR CLAYTON, C. G. EMERY ESTATE.



EVENING ON THE ST. LAWRENCE.